

REMARKS

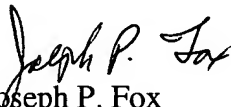
Applicants have amended the specification, drawings, and the claims. These amendments conform with the previously submitted amendments in the parent case (Serial No. 09/821,976). No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1-8 and 17-54 are cancelled.

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings:

Please approve the drawing changes as shown in red on the attached marked-up Annotated Sheet Showing Changes of the drawings. A separate Submission of Formal Drawings incorporating the drawing changes is also enclosed.